

REGISTRATION PACKET



AMHERST COMMUNITY GARDENS

HOW TO REGISTER

1. REGISTRATION FORM

Please bring the completed registration packet and your check to the Community Gardens Registration Day to be held on April 26, 2010 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in the First Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall.

2. RELEASE/WAIVER FORM

Be sure to sign the waiver indicating that you have read and agree with the waiver.

3. COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

Please read the Community Garden Rules carefully before you sign the statement indicating that you have read and agree with the rules.

Please bring all registration material to the:

Community Gardens Registration Day

April 26, 2010

**First Floor Meeting Room,
Town Hall**

5:30 – 7:00 PM



Amherst Conservation Department
4 Boltwood Avenue
Amherst, MA 01002
(413) 259-3045
conservation@amherstma.gov

REGISTRATION FORM

RETURNING GARDENER

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NEW GARDENER

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PREFERRED LOCATION _____

PLOTS REQUESTING _____

REGISTRATION FEES

YOUR 2009 GARDEN PLOT NUMBERS ARE LISTED ON THE COVER LETTER.

RESIDENT – Residents live in areas with zip codes 01002, 01003, 01004 or 01059.

First plot is free to anyone 65 or over (limited to one plot per household).

All plot sizes are approximate.

20' x 20' annual plot (Mill Lane, Larch Hill, Podick)

\$15 x #plots _____ = _____
(Maximum 8 plots)

30' x 60' annual plot (Amethyst Brook)

\$35 x #plots _____ = _____
(Maximum 8 plots)

NON-RESIDENT – Residents live in areas with zip codes 01002, 01003, 01004 or 01059.

20' x 20' annual plot (Mill Lane, Larch Hill, Podick)

\$25 x #plots _____ = _____
(Maximum 8 plots)

TOTAL _____



Please make checks payable to: Town of Amherst.

PLOT CHANGES

Use this section to give up a plot, or to request an additional plot. We will let you know after May 1, if we can fill your request. If so, we will bill you at that time.

I wish to give up Plot(s) # _____

I wish to add Plot(s) # _____



GARDEN RULES

A copy of the Garden Rules is included in this packet (pages 4 & 5). Please read them carefully, and then sign the statement below.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Town of Amherst Community Garden Rules.

Signature _____

Date _____



RELEASE AND WAIVER

I, _____, residing at _____ in

_____, Massachusetts, being sponsored by the Town of Amherst and sometimes known as Amherst Community Gardens, on behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, assignees and all other persons engaged in the said project with my permission, at my direction or for my benefit, do hereby release the Town of Amherst, its successors and assignees and their respective representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action, concerning damage or injury to person or property and do hereby waive the same, at any time arising out of related to my or our participation in said project in any matter whatsoever, whether such damage or injury be suffered in or upon any land used for the purposes of said project or elsewhere.

I further understand that this release is to compromise and terminate all claims for injuries or damages of whatever nature, known, including any damages known or unknown to the fruits, vegetables or flowers which I have planted.

Signature _____

Date _____

2010 AMHERST COMMUNITY GARDENS – GUIDELINES AND RULES



1. Minors will be required to have an adult co-signer.
2. Gardeners will keep a clean and well maintained garden area. Trash/rubbish will be removed from the garden premises. TRASH IN/TRASH OUT!
3. **Storage of fences, tools, hoses, wheelbarrows, chairs, barrels, grills, wood, baskets, cold frames, metal or any item made of plastic will not be permitted. Any of these or other unnatural items must be removed from the garden site by October 29. All material left at the garden site after October 29th are subject to removal and disposal by the Conservation Department at the gardener's expense. Failure to comply will result in the gardener losing the privilege in renting garden sites.**
4. No Pets. Amherst law requires dogs to be restrained at all times. Dogs must not be permitted to damage or enter the garden plots of others.
5. Plots:
 - A plot may not be worked until completed registration forms and fees have been received by the Amherst Conservation Department. All garden fees are non-refundable.
 - Only one person may register for a plot. The status and residence of that person determines the applicable fee structure. That person is responsible for insuring that the garden rules as they apply to her/his plot(s) are observed. However, more than one person may garden in a plot.
 - Plot(s) must be cleaned for winter by October 29; otherwise the plot(s) cannot be renewed for the next gardening season. (The gardener may apply to the Conservation Department for reinstatement.) Cleaning includes cutting down and disposing of dead plants to discourage soil-borne disease and over-wintering pests. Newspaper, temporary fencing, plastic jugs, plastic mulch, furniture, toys must be removed.
 - You may plant what you wish within your plot(s), subject to the following restrictions: Plantings, structures and trees that shade other garden plots are not allowed. Plantings should not encroach on your neighbors' plots. Put aggressive plants (i.e. mint, oregano, comfrey) in the interior of your plot, not on the edges. **PLANTING OF NON-NATIVE INVASIVES IS NOT ALLOWED!**

- Plantings within a plot are the property of the registered gardener. If a gardener does not plan to return for the following season, remaining plants must be removed by the autumn clean-up date or they become the property of the next season's registered gardener. If a gardener fails to cultivate his/her plot by May 1, remaining plants become the property of the gardener to whom the plot is reassigned.
 - Garden plots at Mill Lane, Larch Hill and the Podick Conservation Area are approximately 20' x 20'; garden plots at Amethyst Brook are approximately 30' x 60'.
 - Gardeners are limited to a maximum of eight garden plots.
 - Returning gardeners' plots are held until May 1. If registration forms and payment are not received by that day, they will be made available to other gardeners.
 - Registration may be transferred from one gardener to another who is gardening in the same plot only by written request to the Conservation Department.
6. CONSERVE WATER! Gardeners must be present during watering; no sprinklers allowed. Garden water may not be used for washing of motor vehicles or for any non-gardening related activities.
 7. Garden waste may be handled as follows:
 - Gardeners are encouraged to maintain compost piles within their plot(s). Please compost only plant and vegetable material, and cover fresh compost with soil to discourage animals. Do not bring kitchen waste to your compost pile.
 8. The Town of Amherst will not be responsible for protecting or policing garden plots against vandalism, theft of garden implements or stealing of plants, fruits or vegetables.
 9. Selling farm related or other products at any of the Community Garden sites or on adjacent Town property is prohibited.
 10. Violators of the rules are subject to the loss of plots and fees.



Thank you!

SAVE FOR REFERENCE